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About this newsletter

The Inland Bays Journal is a quarterly publication of the Center for the Inland Bays (Delaware Inland Bays Estuary Program). The Center for the Inland Bays is a private, nonprofit organization and a member of the Association of National Estuary Programs.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information on issues related to Delaware's Inland Bays. For more information or inquiries about this publication, please contact our offices at (302) 645-7325, or visit the website www.inlandbays.org.

From the desk of the Executive Director

The importance of volunteers is critical

By Edward A. Lewandowski
Executive Director

A group of people are standing at a river bank and suddenly hear the cries of a baby. Shocked, they see an infant floating—drowning—in the water. One person immediately dives in to rescue the child. But as this is going on, yet another baby comes floating down the river, and then another! People continue to jump in to save the babies and then see that one person has started to walk away from the group still on shore. Accusingly they shout, "Where are you going?" The response: "I'm going upstream to stop whoever's throwing babies into the river."

- Unknown source

Recently, the Center for the Inland Bays began taking a closer look at our volunteer program, to determine how we might "make room" for new volunteer activities. As in the parable of the drowning babies, I've wondered whether we are simply pulling more and more good swimmers into the water or are we also sending adequate numbers of volunteers upstream to stop whoever is throwing the babies into the river in the first place? Have we at the CIB spent so much time focusing on support roles and helpfulness that we are no longer

fostering activism?

I think the answer to my question is quite clear... The CIB needs BOTH direct service AND advocacy volunteers!

Progress is made when people say, "I can do something about that." The CIB was founded on this very premise. The establishment of the Center for the Inland Bays was the culmination of more than 20 years of active public participation and investigation into the decline of the Inland Bays, and the remedies for the restoration and preservation of the watershed.

Much of this original work was accomplished by volunteers.

Many of you have expressed frustration and discouragement about activities in our watershed that are increasing pressures on an already-stressed estuarine ecosystem. Consider joining us and working with others who share your concerns. Volunteering brings out the best in people, and working with the best in people engenders optimism and puts energy into this important work.

There are as many ways for people to get involved as there are individual skills and ex-

perience. Many of our current volunteers have found that once they become a part of the CIB, the CIB becomes a part of them. Some have even gone on to become members of our Board of Directors.

We are so appreciative of the efforts of our volunteers. Not only can they help us do our work, but they can do things that staff cannot do. With our capital campaign for the new building underway, we are thinking a lot about how to raise money these days. Our goal: To complete the new building in 2005, and open the doors on a place where people can come to learn about the Bays, get involved, meet, and work together. It's one more thing that we can't do alone. It will take volunteer help from people who believe in what we are doing and can ask their friends, neighbors and colleagues to participate and contribute to bring the Center for the Inland Bays home to the watershed.

Money is important, but the time and talents of committed individuals working in their community for the restoration and protection of the Inland Bays—that is something money can't buy. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering with the Center, please call our office at (302) 645-7325 to speak with a staff member. We look forward to hearing from you!



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providing the data that can be the basis of good public policy as it relates to the health of our watershed.

And most important, and perhaps least understood, the CIB will continue to hold a place at the table for everyone in the watershed; to be the place where landowners, farmers, residents, legislators, scientists and businesses, everyone who has a stake in the watershed can come together to talk and to listen

and to find common ground toward a restored Inland Bays estuary. This can be frustrating for some, when it seems that the CIB should weigh in on a particular issue that affects the health of the Bays and the Center does not speak.

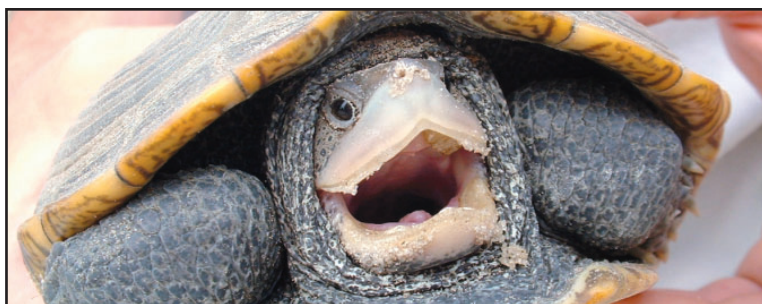
But this table that CIB holds open for everyone is critical to creating a place where there can be ongoing dialogue between constituencies that have conflicting interests. There must be a place where people who represent different points of view will sit down together to listen and to work, where trust can form, and concerns can be heard. The Center

for the Inland Bays is there to support the work of every person and every organization that is working in good faith for a restored Inland Bays watershed.

There is so much good work that needs to be done.

In the coming year, the Center for the Inland Bays will be working to involve more people in every area of its mission. There is something for everyone to do.

The reward: the immeasurable beauty and bounty of a restored estuary in balance and teeming with life. Consider how you can join in on this great work.



A Diamondback Terrapin

We'd Like to Know What You Think

We'd like to know what you think! Restoring and protecting the Inland Bays is watershed-wide work. We need your help, your ideas and your support. Write when you can and give us your input to outreach@inlandbays.org or to Journal Editor, 16529 Coastal Highway, Lewes, DE 19958.

Project Volunteers Needed

Gardening for the Bays Native Plant Sale Saturday, May 14, at the James Farm Ecological Preserve, Cedar Neck Road, Ocean View. Volunteers Needed: to help set up tent 5/13 afternoon; and to help with event 5/14 7 a.m.–1 p.m.

Call Sally Boswell at 645-7325

Diamondback Terrapin Project - Volunteers needed: Early May-July to hand out information to drivers; silt fence installation and repair; habitat restoration; monitoring of nests; survey of road-killed terrapins; and monitoring/moving females and hatchlings crossing the road. Call Josh Thompson 645-7325

Center for the Inland Bays Calendar of Events

Citizens' Advisory Committee
Thursday, April 28
3:30 p.m.
Cannon Lab, Room 104
College of Marine Studies,
Lewes, DE

Gardening with Native Plants
Tuesday, May 10
7 p.m.
Booksandcoffee
Ruddertown, Dewey Beach

Diamondback Terrapins Crossing Rt. 1 Soon!
Meet the Terrapins
Wednesday, May 11
7 p.m.
Booksandcoffee
Ruddertown, Dewey Beach

Native Plant Sale
Saturday, May 14
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
James Farm Ecological Preserve
Ocean View, DE
Call (302) 645-7325 for details

USCG Open House
Saturday, May 21
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Coast Guard Station
Delaware Seashore State Park

Horseshoe Crab Festival and International Migratory Bird Festival
Saturday, May 28
Reynolds Pond Road, Milton, DE

4th Annual Governor's Wade-In Event
Saturday, June 18
11 a.m.
Towers Road Parking Area (bay-side)



An interior view of the new CIB building.